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March 23, 2006

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO PURCHASE EQUIPMENT  
ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS  
3 VOTES**

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:**

Approve Public Works to acquire five replacement street sweepers at a total cost of \$1,250,000 budgeted in Public Works' Fiscal Year 2005-06 Internal Service Fund Fixed Asset Equipment appropriation.

**PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

This request is to comply with the County Equipment Policy that your Board approved on October 16, 2001. This policy requires Board approval prior to departments purchasing/financing equipment with a unit cost of \$250,000 or greater. Therefore, we are requesting approval to purchase five replacement street sweepers budgeted in Public Works' Fiscal Year 2005-06 Internal Service Fund Fixed Asset Equipment appropriation.

This purchase will allow Public Works to continue street sweeping services throughout the County of Los Angeles.

The cost to replace the existing sweepers is estimated to be \$250,000 each. The County is required to purchase equipment that is compliant with the South Coast Air Quality Management District's (AQMD) fleet rules, alternatively fueled street sweepers. There are no AQMD compliant street sweepers available for rent within the County.

The purchase of five new street sweepers will retire five old, grandfathered but non-AQMD compliant, diesel fueled units.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

This action meets the County Strategic Plan Goals of Service Excellence, Organizational Effectiveness, and Fiscal Responsibility. This action will enable Public Works to continue to provide County residents with enhanced responsive, efficient, and effective road maintenance.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

The cost for this acquisition is \$1,250,000 and is included in Public Works' Fiscal Year 2005-06 Internal Service Fund Fixed Asset Equipment appropriation. There is no impact to net County cost as a result of this purchase.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

On October 16, 2001, your Board adopted a policy whereby departments will obtain Board approval to purchase or finance equipment with a unit cost of \$250,000 or greater prior to submitting their requisitions to purchasing.

### **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

The approval of this request will enable Public Works to continue to perform its routine road maintenance activities, including those activities associated with the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit compliance, in a more efficient and cost-effective manner.

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**CONCLUSION**

Your approval will allow Public Works to replace inefficient maintenance equipment and continue to provide road maintenance services to County residents.

One adopted copy of this letter is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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Director of Public Works

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cc: Chief Administrative Office  
County Counsel